Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There was no necessity because the very same paper in another article reports that all these facts are not true.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ: ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനേ ഇത്രയധികം ആക്ഷേപിച്ചുള്ള ലേഖനങ്ങൾ വന്നാൽ അതിനെ ശരിയായി അന്വേഷിച്ച് അസത്യമാണെന്നുള്ളത് പൊതുജനങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാ ക്കണ്ടതില്ലേ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is absolutely baseless and false. In every case, it is not necessary for the Government to publish a press communique, especially in this case where it was admitted by the paper that the facts stated in the original articles were not correct.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ: ഈ വക സംഗതികളിൽ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ തെറ്റി ദ്ധാരണ തീക്കുക ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ആഫീസറുടെ ചുമതലയല്ലേ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* In this case, there was no reason for mis-understanding because the paper itself admitted that the facts were not correct.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I point out to the attention of the Hon'ble Member, with reference to question (*d*) the answer (*d*) being 'nil', was there any exchange?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

ROAD FROM CHALAKKUDI MARKET TO VETTUKADAVU

244. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether their attention has not been repeatedly drawn to the necessity of constructing the road from the Chalakkudi market to Vettukadavu during the year 1119 itself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Have the Government decided to take up this work this year or at least next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be expedited.

FIRE FIGHTING LORRY—KUNNAMKULAM

245. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a fire fighting lorry attached to the Kunnamkulam Police Station has been taken away by the A. R. P. Department;

(*b*) if so, whether Government be pleased to return this lorry back to Kunnamkulam Police Station, since A. R. P. is disbanded?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammed Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether Government require a fire-fighting lorry? There was a new fire-fighting lorry in Kunnamkulam. It was not seen there for the last so many months. I have seen the A. R. P. going in the fire-fighting lorry. May I know who took it?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The Kunnamkulam Police Station had never a fire-fighting lorry.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There was a lorry attached to the Kunnamkulam Police Station.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was a lorry attached to the Kunnamkulam Town Council.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It was under the control of the Police Sub-Inspector. It was stationed also in the precincts of the Police Station.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It was housed there, but managed by the Town Council of Kunnamkulam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Government satisfied that there is necessity to station a good conditioned water lorry at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Gavernment):* It will be advisable, but not inescapable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether Government is aware of the existence of the innumerable thatched houses in the crowded streets of Kunnamkulam?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are the Government aware of the repeated incidents of fire almost every year in Kunnamkulam?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As early as possible we will try to have a lorry there. But I do not think a water lorry there is absolutely necessary.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It may be useful everywhere also. It was taken to a more useful place.

ACCUSED IN C. C. 447/18—TALAPPALLI MAGISTRATE'S COURT

246. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether after answering question No. 12 at the last sitting of the Council the Government had occasion to enquire or know about the physique of the accused in C. C. 447/18 Talappalli Magistrate's Court;

(*b*) whether it is a fact or not that the lady, *viz.*, the accused concerned was having fits and hemmorage—actual oozing of pumped up blood from the system through the mouth—in the presence of the Sub-Magistrate in open Court in the Court room and whether the fact is not noted by the Magistrate;

(*c*) whether it is possible to feign an illness in the form adverted to in question (*b*)?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammed Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*b*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Second Class Magistrate has been addressed on the question contained in sub-division (*b*)?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. He was enquired of and he has stated that in his presence she had not been behaving in the manner mentioned in the question, and no record has been made in the proceedings.

Announcement regarding election of members to the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. President: I have to announce that valid nominations for election to the Standing Finance Committee have been received as follows.—

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan	Proposed by Mrs. Thamkamma N. Menon and seconded by Mr. P. Narayana Menon.
„ P. P. Devassy	Proposed by Mr. Kunhirama Menon and seconded by Mr. M. Krishna Menon.
„ Ephraim Ouseph	Proposed by Mr. K. R. Achuthan and seconded by Mr. C. V. Iyyu.
Mrs. K. Joshua	Proposed by Mr. V. K. Kutty and seconded by Mr. C. V. Iyyu.
Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon	Proposed by Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan and seconded by Mr. K. Narayana Menon.

The election will be conducted by the Secretary to Government at 5 this afternoon.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move that the Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Mr. President, Sir, I have complaint only against one amendment, that is, clause 3 of the Bill. Clause 3 is like this.—"'For clause (*b*) of section 3 of the Act, the following shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted, namely,—

(*b*) leases granted by Official Receivers or Receivers appointed by courts or by mortgagees or by any person holding under or deriving title from such Receivers or mortgagees'."

Now, section 3 of the Act says.—"This Act shall not apply to lands owned by Government; or (*b*) leases granted by a usufructuary mortgagee or by any person holding under or deriving interest from him,

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